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District Meetings of the O. L. A.

District meetings as below are being planned.

District	*Place*	*Local Librarian*	*Chairman*	*Date*
Northeast	Warren	Miss Josephine Lytle	Mr. Howard B. Sohn	May 24
North central	Mansfield	Miss Mildred Sandoe	Miss Helen Kramer	June 15
South central	Circleville	Miss Mary E. Wilder	Miss Edith Baumgardner	June 9
Northwest	Wauseon	Mrs. Eliza Scott	Miss Dorothy Strouse	June 9
Southwest	Troy	Miss Blanche Mitchell	Mrs. Grace Keator	June 14

Librarians are urged to attend the nearest or most conveniently reached meeting. In some cases part of the staff may wish to attend one meeting and other members a second. Librarians should urge their trustees to attend. Tax problems will be discussed at an afternoon session. Will librarians also invite any school librarians of their community to attend. A session devoted to work with young people is planned for the afternoon.

The morning session will be a general meeting devoted to problems of libraries.

Notify local librarians promptly if you expect to attend. The various chairmen will try to notify every library in the district, but as mailing lists are incomplete you may not receive a notice or the program for your district. Come anyway.

A Successful Meeting — Secretary's Report

The joint meeting of the O. L. A. and the Ohio Library Trustees' Association in Columbus, April 11–13 was one of the best attended library meetings ever held in Ohio. Between 470 and 500 attended.

The meeting was characterized by the determination of those present to exert every effort toward securing satisfactory library legislation for future years and an equal determination to meet all financial problems, now confronting the librarians, wisely and in such a way that all essential services to the public be retained and only the non-essential eliminated.

Talks by Mr. George E. Sokolsky, Prof. Harlan Hatcher, Mr. Edward Davidson and Mr. Clarence E. Sherman ranged from such topics as Our Stake in Asia to the delightful one of Poetry and its appeal to us all. Musical organizations from Capital University and Otterbein College made delightful contributions to the program.

The Association was happy to have the privilege of hearing the President of the A. L. A. tell us of the needs and aims of our national Association.

The Round Table meetings, as usual, centered around problems of administra-

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tion and more satisfactory service to users of the library. All round table meetings were well attended.

The Association again went on record as disapproving of the State Library situation. Mr. Hadley presented a resolution requesting Governor White to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors of the State Library by appointing Trustees of recognized ability and interest. Attention was called to the deplorable state of the library during recent years and the fact that in spite of this no Board meetings had been held for two years. The resolution again reiterated that the Association favored only the appointment of professionally trained librarians to such positions as that of the State Librarian.

One of the most heartening events of the three day meeting was the session of the O. L. T. A. attended by between 75 and 100 trustees and librarians. It was at this meeting that librarians were told of the provisions of Senate Bill 239 just passed and of Senate Bill 30 which it was hoped would soon be passed.

Four members of the Joint Legislative Tax Committee attended the Trustees' luncheon. These were Senator D. J. Gunsett, who spoke to us briefly, Senator Frank E. Whittemore, author of Senate Bill 30 and Senate Bill 239, Representatives Adam Frick and Joseph E. Cassidy.

Miss Tyler at the last session told of the plans for the Citizens' Library Committee of Ohio. A list of those who had accepted membership served as an inspiration to all, giving us courage and faith to believe that the best minds of Ohio believe in Public Libraries and stand ready to help.

At a business session the Association voted to amend the Constitution. The changes were such as would make the Constitution agree with some practices already in use.

New officers elected to take office after a business session of the O. L. A. at the A. L. A. in Chicago in October are:

Earl N. Manchester, Librarian Ohio State University Library, President

Miss Annie S. Cutter, Head, School Dept. Cleveland Public Library, 1st V.- Pres.

Will H. Collins, Librarian Akron Public Library, 2nd Vice-President

Miss Mary E. Wilder, Librarian Circleville Public Library, 3rd Vice-President

Miss Katherine Shorey, Librarian Greene County Public Library, Secretary

George J. Blazier, Librarian Marietta College Library, Treasurer

MILDRED SANDOE, Secretary

ROUND TABLE ATTENDANCE

— Estimates —

Reference. — More than 60.

Catalog Section. — 45 - 50.

Branch. — Well attended.

Local History. — 75 - 80 (Room small and more wished to attend, but could not find space to enter.)

Large Libraries. — Well attended.

School Librarians. — Luncheon 50. Afternoon session around 100.

College. — 16 colleges represented. (Do not know actual attendance.)

Small Libraries. — Over 22.

Special Libraries. — 11.

Children's Librarians. — Over 80.

BUSINESS MEETING IN OCTOBER

Because the Association year usually ends in October and because the administration chosen last October was in the midst of legislative difficulties and plans for district meetings, it was voted that the present officers continue in office for another six months.

It was voted also to hold a business meeting at the time of the A. L. A. in Chicago about the middle of October at which time the new and the old executive committees will meet together and arrange to turn O. L. A. affairs over to the new officers.

REVISED CONSTITUTION

Mr. E. A. Henry, Chairman, Miss Lillie Wulfekoetter and Miss Gentiliska Winterrowd were appointed a committee to consider desirable changes in our constitution. The revisions recommended by this committee with slight changes were adopted by the Association at the annual meeting. The full constitution as now in effect is presented herewith.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Constitution

As amended April 12, 1933

— I —

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Ohio Library Association.

— II —

OBJECT

Its object shall be to encourage the establishment and maintenance and to increase the usefulness of libraries in the state, to promote fraternal relations among library workers, and to advance the interests of the library profession.

— III —

MEMBERSHIP

(a) *Active.* Any person who is or has been officially connected with any library of the state may, upon payment of annual dues, be entitled to active membership in the Association, with a right to vote.

(b) *Life.* Any active membership may be made a life membership, exempt from annual dues, upon payment of life membership fee.

(c) *Associate.* Any person actively interested in educational or social work, or in library work outside of the state, may become an associate member by paying annual dues but shall not be entitled to vote.

(d) *Library & Club.* Any library, club or other educational association in the state may become a member by payment of annual dues and be entitled to send a delegate with full powers of active membership.

(e) *Sustaining.* Any member of the Association may, upon payment of the additional sustaining fee, become a sustaining member.

(f) *Honorary.* Upon nomination by the Executive Board persons who have rendered outstanding service to the library interests of the State may be elected to honorary membership by unanimous vote at any meeting of the Association.

— IV —

OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, three Vice - Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon them in similar organizations.

— V —

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The officers of the Association, together with those members of the Association, who have, during the three preceding years, held the office of President shall constitute the Executive Board.

— VI —

REPRESENTATION IN THE A. L. A. COUNCIL

The President of this Association shall serve ex officio as the representative of the association on the council of the American Library Association, or in his absence the next ranking officer, except that if the President is already a member of the Council the next ranking officer, who is not already a member, shall represent the Association.

— VII —

MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at such place and time as shall have been decided upon by the Executive Board. Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of ten members, providing one month's previous notice be duly given the Association, and only business mentioned in the call be transacted.

— VIII —

QUORUM

Ten per cent of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or called meeting of the Association.

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— IX —

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by two-thirds vote of the members present; notice of the proposed change having been given in the call for the meeting.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

By-Laws

As amended April 12, 1933

ARTICLE I

Election of Officers

The Committee on Nomination shall consist of the last two ex-presidents and three members to be elected by the Association. The place of any ex-president who is absent from the annual meeting shall be filled by a member to be elected by the Association. The Chairman shall be the ex-president whose term is the nearest expiration. This committee shall present the name of one candidate for each elective office, consent being secured from the nominees for President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An opportunity for nominations from the floor shall be given. A majority vote shall constitute election.

ARTICLE II

Special duties of Officers

(a) The officers of the Association shall deposit in the State Library all correspondence, records, and archives not needed for current use.

(b) The president shall, with the advice of the Executive Board, appoint such committees and define their duties as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Association. New committees may be created and old committees discontinued whenever conditions require such action. The necessary expenses of these committees are to be included in the budget of the Executive Committee.

(c) The secretary shall prepare a report of the annual meeting of the Association and send same to the Library Journal, the A. L. A. Bulletin, and the Ohio State Library for publication.

(d) The treasurer shall disburse the moneys of the Association only upon the order or approval of the President. An annual audit of his books shall be made by a committee to be appointed by the President at the time of the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE III

Duties of the Executive Board

(a) The Executive Board shall transact the business of the Association in the interval between the Annual meetings.

(b) The Executive Board may authorize the organization of sections of library workers within the Association. The officers of these sections shall be a chairman and a secretary who shall be elected at the annual meetings of the section and who shall be responsible for the program of the section meeting.

(c) The Executive Board may authorize round tables of library workers within the organization and may appoint chairmen to plan programs and conduct the meetings of such round tables.

(d) The Executive Board may contract for such publications as may seem desirable for furthering the interests of the Association.

(e) The Executive Board shall with the cooperation of the Ohio State Library plan and conduct district meetings.

(f) The Executive Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies which occur because of death, resignation, or inability to serve.

(g) The Executive Board shall establish a reserve fund by means of life membership fees, transfers, or other special funds. Ordinarily, only the interest shall be spent. The principal may be spent, however, upon definite recommendation of the Executive Board approved at an annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

Annual dues as specified below shall be payable the first day of January of each calendar year. Delinquent members shall be notified of their delinquency. Members in arrears for more than two years shall be dropped from the membership roll. Dues shall be as follows:

(a) Active members $ 1.00 per year.

(b) Life members $ 25.00, which sum

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shall be added to the endowment funds.

(c) Associate members $ 1.00 per year.

(d) Library and club members $ 1.00 per year.

(e) Sustaining members $ 1.00 per year in addition to the regular dues.

(f) Honorary members pay no dues.

ARTICLE V

Amendment

Any by-law may be amended or new by-laws adopted by a majority vote of the members at any annual meeting of the Association, after consideration and due notice has been given by the Executive Committee.

STATE LIBRARY AND STATE LIBRARY BOARD

The State Library Board met on March 27th and voted to dismiss Mr. John H. Newman as State Librarian effective as of May 1st. Mr. Newman is contesting the action by legal measures. He contends that as a state official he can not be discharged unless charges are brought and proved.

On May 18th the State Library Board appointed Mr. J. R. Clarke as State Librarian with the understanding that he should serve until the Board fills the place permanently. The Board did not wish to have the place of State Librarian vacant while they were investigating the qualifications of a number of applicants. Assurance has been given that no one other than a trained librarian will be appointed permanently as State Librarian.

The State Library Board has accepted the resignation from the Board of Mr. Harold T. Clark of Cleveland because of ill health and pressure of work. Governor White has appointed Colonel Frank A. Hunter of Columbus to fill out Mr. Clark's unexpired term. The librarians of Ohio will regret greatly that Mr. Clark found it necessary to resign. They are, however, much indebted to him for his efforts to improve conditions in the state library.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The work of the membership committee was made easy this year by the crusading spirit injected into the Association and among librarians by the President. It was determined early that special legislation would be required if many public libraries were to survive.

A letter to this effect was sent in December to all libraries by Mr. Vitz asking for a full 100% membership in every library and a special emergency fund. The response was nothing less than remarkable. A large number of libraries became 100% libraries. I wish I had had the time to have determined fully this number.

The report is as follows:

(To April 10, 1933)

	1933	1932	1931
Renewals	755	795	882
Life members	5	5	5
New members	476	97	146
Reinstatements	1	3	8
	1237	900	1041
Withdrawals	65	76	81
Net	1172	824	960
Since annual meeting:			
New members		43	
Renewals		241	
		1456	
Withdrawals		12	
Net April 30			1444

Those whose deaths are recorded are as follows:

Miss Edith L. Cook Western Reserve University Library School September 27, 1932

Miss Loa E. Bailey Ohio State University October 1932

Miss Myrtle Mc Cormick Akron, Ohio December 1932

Miss Olive B. Jones Ohio State University February 2, 1933

Miss Elise Vitz Cleveland, Ohio March 4, 1933

Financial Report, April 1933

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 4, 1933			$ 2,140.05
Memberships			
New	$ 43.00		
Old	241.00		
		$ 284.00	
Emergency Fund		58.20	
Exhibitors 1933 Convention		80.00	422.20
Total			$ 2,562.25

EXPENDITURES

President's office supplies		$ 19.79	
Treasurer's office supplies		.70	
Secretary's office supplies		.80	
Legislative Committee		25.52	
Emergency Legislative Committee		87.92	
Ohio Library Association Bulletin		11.50	
Tax on Checks		.18	
1933 Convention			
Speakers	$ 531.90		
Commercial exhibit expense	7.00		
Music	40.25		
Art Binding exhibit	53.39		
Invitations and Reservation cards	28.25		
Miscellaneous	20.77	681.56	
Total			827.97
BALANCE ON HAND MAY 2, 1933			$ 1,734.28

GEORGE J. BLAZIER, Treasurer

CITIZENS' LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF OHIO

Much quiet and constructive work is going into the creation of this committee. Its membership now numbers 64 drawn from all parts of the state and consists of men and women prominent in the state and in their communities for their interest in education and in the general welfare and because of their qualities of leadership.

An executive committee of seven members is now being formed. A meeting of this committee is to be held at an early date to formulate objectives and to make plans for achieving them, and, in general to develop policies.

The executive committee, so far as constituted, consists of Mr. Province M. Pogue, of Cincinnati, former President of the Ohio Bar Association, as Chairman; Dr Frank D. Slutz, of Dayton, Lecturer and prominent in the field of Adult Education, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Grove Patterson, of Toledo, Editor, Toledo Blade, Vice-Chairman; Dr. M. H. Lichliter, of Columbus, Pastor of the First Congregational Church and Mr. Louis J. Taber, of Barnesville, Master of the National Grange. Two additional members, one of them a woman, are being selected. Hon. Newton D. Baker is the honorary Chairman.

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